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From: Anonymous
Agenda Item: Taxpayers' Bill of Rights
Hearing
Meeting Date: 8/30/22

Taxpayer would like to speak at the hearing: I do not want to speak at the hearing

Type of Tax:

Speaker's Name:

Title (if applicable): Tax Agent

Company (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

E-Mail Address:

Account Number (if applicable):

Taxpayer's Name (if not speaker):

Organization:

Telephone Number:

Description of Issues:

For the past several months, Riverside County has not been allowing public access to property tax assessment appeals hearings, either in-person or online. State law says these hearings must be made public, but the Clerk of the Assessment Appeal Board refuses to allow access. They have cited Covid concerns by the AAB; however, at my last hearing in July 2022, only one board member was wearing a mask. All others in the room (about 8 people) were not wearing masks. There was no mask mandate in the building and virtually no one else was wearing masks.

I have not given my name due to fear of reprisal. Riverside County appraisal staff and legal counsel have a history of misstating rules and methodology and unduly influencing the AAB. Without allowing the public into hearings to witness these problems, they will only persist. What will you do about it? Can you please make sure public access is permitted to the hearings, as is required?

Thank you,

Concerned Tax Agent

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